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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In view of the above amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 2 now comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Griggs, stating that Griggs discloses each and every element of Applicant's invention.

Applicant has carefully reviewed Griggs and respectfully submits that Griggs merely discloses a method of attaching an artificial nail to a fingernail by means of applying adhesive material comprised of ethyl alpha cyano acrylate material to the fingernail and then attaching the artificial nail. In contrast thereto, Applicant's invention requires first coating a fingernail with a thermoplastic resin coating material, drying the thermoplastic resin coating material, applying a coating of instantaneous adhesive on top of the thermoplastic resin material and then bonding the artificial nail to the fingernail by means of the coating of instantaneous adhesive agent. Clearly, these method of Griggs and Applicant's invention are different. In particular, Applicant's invention or method is utilized so that a coating material can be first applied to the fingernail before the artificial nail is bonded thereto using the instantaneous adhesive agent so that the artificial nail can be more easily removed in the future. Applicant respectfully submits that such a consideration is not contained in Griggs.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by Griggs.

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Knutson, stating that Knutson discloses a solution of an EVA as an adhesive material.

In reply thereto, Applicant would like to incorporate by reference his comments above concerning Applicant's invention and further point out that claim 3 is now dependent upon claim 1 and is a method claim and is not merely a solution. Applicant respectfully submits that Knutson does not disclose the method of Applicant's invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3 is not anticipated by Knutson.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a two month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$225 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

KODA & ANDROLIA

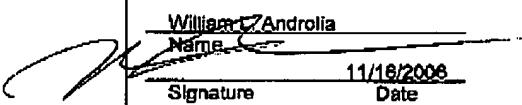
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